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VIA ECF

Hon. Lewis J. Liman Daniel Patrick Moynihan United States District Court 500 Pearl Street New York, NY 10007 Defendant's request for an adjournment of the initial pre-trial conference is GRANTED. The conference previously scheduled for March 16, 2021 will be held on May 21, 2021 at 11:00 a.m.

SO ORDERED.

3/15/2021

LEWIS J. LIMAN United States District Judge

March 12, 2021

Re: M.K. obo S.J., v. New York City Dep't of Educ. 20-cv-10261 (LJL)(BCM)

Dear Judge Liman:

I am Assistant Corporation Counsel in the office of Corporation Counsel James E. Johnson, attorney for Defendant in the above-referenced action wherein Plaintiff seeks attorneys' fees, costs and expenses for legal work on an administrative hearing under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act, 20 U.S.C. § 1400, *et seq.* as well as for this action

I write to respectfully request an extension of the deadline to hold an initial pretrial conference scheduled March 16, 2021. I respectfully request that the Court adjourn the conference to May 17, 2021 or a date thereafter convenient for the Court. Defendant has obtained settlement authority from the New York City Comptroller, and the parties have been actively negotiating a settlement. I am optimistic that the parties can reach an agreement without further burden to the court.

Accordingly, I respectfully request that the initial pretrial conference be adjourned to May 17, 2021 or a date thereafter convenient for the Court.

Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully,

<u>s/William G. Rives</u> William G. Rives

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cc: Steven J. Alizio, Esq.
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